

SOUTH DAKOTA SOIL CONSERVATION AWARD
NOMINATION FORM
AWARD WINNING SOIL CONSERVATION FARM/RANCH

Name of Nominee: Lee Kleinschmidt
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Conservation District: HUGHES COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Nomination submitted by: Hughes Co. Conservation District
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(Nominator's information intended only for use by the selection committee in case further clarification is needed pertaining to the nomination.)

Which of the following criteria/practices are used by the nominee? (Check all that apply)

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To whom it may concern:

Hughes Co. Conservation District would like to nominate Lee Kleinschmidt for the 2021 Conservation Farm/Ranch Award. Lee Kleinschmidt has used programs like CRP, CSP and Conservation Grants, but otherwise he does the rest on his own to practice different types of conservation in order to protect natural resources. Lee does a rotation with grazing for his cow/calf operator. Lee has been planting trees for windbreaks and wildlife habitats for many years. Lee uses no-till operations for cropland, nesting cover, cover crop and pollinators. Lee also manages soil and nutrient runoffs on his property. Lee feels like it's his responsibility to do what he can to protect natural resources for the future generations.

Thank you,

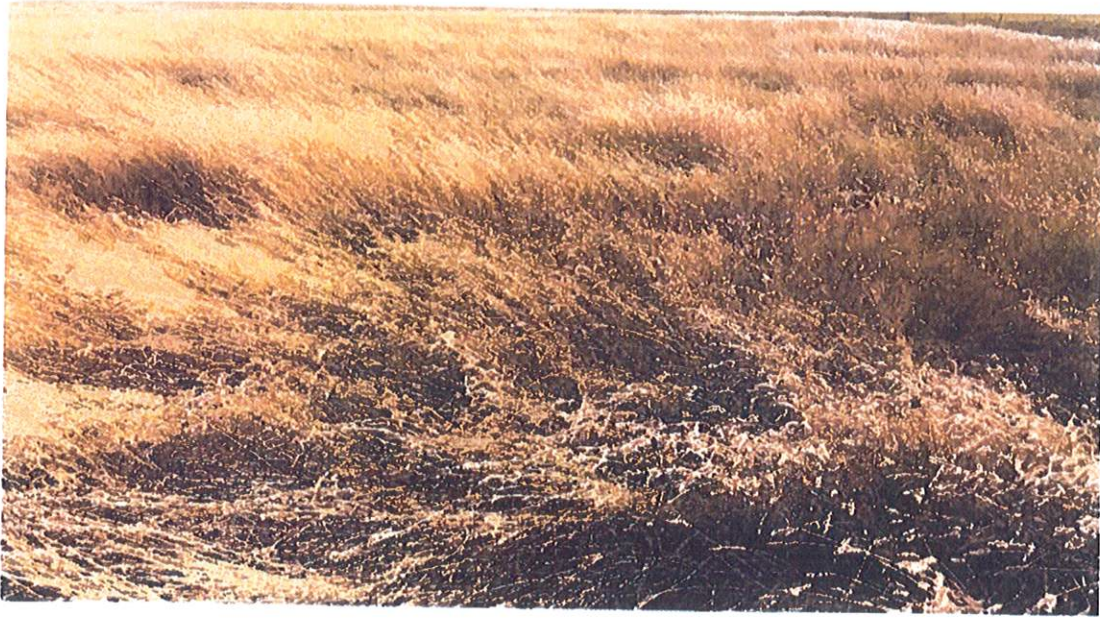
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Perennial vegetation seeding for wildlife habitat.



Food plots left for over winter wildlife food source.



Managing grasslands



Livestock Shelterbelt

**SOUTH DAKOTA SOIL CONSERVATION AWARD
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Name of Nominee: Matt LeBrun
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Hughes Co. Conservation District would like to nominate Matt LeBrun for the 2021 Conservation Farm/Ranch Award. Matt has used CRP for some of his conservation practices, but Matt also does a lot on his own. Matt has planted several different shelterbelts for wildlife habitat. When it comes to trees Matt is very knowledgeable on trees when it comes to planting shelterbelts. Matt uses no-till when plants cover crop and food plots. Matt is always looking for new ways to improve conservation practices and natural resources on his property.

Thank you,

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Food plot & Wildlife Habitat



Field Windbreak



Wildlife Habitat



Wildlife Shelterbelt



Food Plot & Wildlife Shelterbelt

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Name of Nominee: Allen Garber
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Hughes Co. Conservation District would like to nominate Allen Garber for the 2021 Conservation Farm/Ranch Award. Allen Garber's father showed Allen different types of conservation when he was a young boy. Allen has uses programs like CRP and Equip for different types of conservation practices and requirements. Allen has many shelterbelts that are home to multiple forms of different native wildlife. Allen's shelterbelts also provided protection for the homestead from harsh winter winds and storms. Allen uses no-till drilling practices when he plants food plots, nesting covers for wildlife and other crops. Allen likes to use cover crops when he is planting crops and food plots, in order to protect his soil.

Thank you,

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Food Plot



Shelterbelt Renovation



Field Windbreak



Wildlife Shelterbelt



Established Field Windbreak

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Name of Nominee: Jon Beaström
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To whom it may concern:

Hughes Co. Conservation District would like to nominate Jon Beastrom for the 2021 Conservation Farm/Ranch Award. Jon Beastrom uses CRP to help him with the different types of conservation practices and the use of his natural resources but otherwise Jon does the rest on his own. Jon has planted many shelterbelts and has renovated some of his old shelterbelts for livestock, wind protection and wildlife habitat. Jon uses no-till to plant cover crops for his livestock and the wildlife on his property. Jon also uses after math grazing on his property for his livestock and wildlife. Jon is following in his father's footsteps in working to protect his soils and other natural resources.

Thank you,

Hughes Co. Conservation District

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Established Field Windbreak



Established Livestock Shelterbelts



Established Farmstead Shelterbelts



Established Farmstead Shelterbelts

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Name of Nominee: Jerry Hawkins
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To whom it may concern:

Hughes Co. Conservation District would like to posthumously nominate Jerry Hawkins for the 2021 Conservation Farm/Ranch Award. Jerry continually used several different types of conservation practices and natural resources on his property. Jerry used no-till when planting cover crops and other crops. Jerry planted many shelterbelts for wildlife and wind protection habitat over the years on his property. Jerry passed his love of nature and natural resources to his children, which all continues in his footsteps to protect their soils and other natural resources.

Thank you,

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Food plots and shelterbelt for wildlife.



Food plots for wildlife and diversified crop rotations.



Established shelterbelts, and perennial vegetation.